

Water Policy Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting of June 16, 2003
9 AM – 3 PM

Attendance:

Water Policy Technical Advisory Committee Members:

Dan Kavanagh, MPPDC
Robert Taylor, VDH
Tom Botkins, VMA
Mike Thacker, AEP
Shelton Miles
Frank Sanders, City of Winchester
Bob Burnley, DEQ
Judy K. Dunscomb, The Nature Conservancy
Terry Reid, VAWWA
Guy Aydtlett, VAMWA
Cathy Taylor, Dominion
Mike West, HBAV
Kristen Lentz Tidewater alternate
Eldon James, Rappahannock River Basin

Commission
Patti Jackson, James River Association
Sam Hamilton, VA. Agribusiness Council
Art Petrini, Henrico County
Jesse Richardson, VAPA
Charlie Crowder, Fairfax County Water Authority
William E. Cox, Virginia Tech
Ed Imhoff
Christopher Miller, Piedmont Environmental Council
Robert Royall, VA. Water Well Association
Jamie Bain, Fairfax County Water Authority alternate
Ward Staubitz, USGS
Josh Rubinstein, VA. Rural Water Association
David Paylor, Deputy SNR

Members Absent:

Robert Conner, Brunswick County
Jeffery Irving, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Jerry Higgins, Blacksburg, Christiansburg, VPI Water

Authority
William Stoneman, VA. Farm Bureau

DEQ and Facilitation staff:

Scott Kudlas
Terry Wagner
Kathy Frahm
Joe Hassell

Ellen Gillinsky
Barbara Hulburt
Mark Rubin
Bill Ellis

Interested Parties:

John Kauffman, DGIF
David Kovacs, VAPA alternate
Becky Mitchell, Virginia Beach
Davis Phanp Old Dominion Elec. Co-op
John Carlock, PDC alternate
Paul Holt, Richmond DPU
Wes Carpenter, Draper Aden

Brent Waters, Golder Associates
Kate Quinlan, VML
Tracie Goldberg, Fairfax County Water Authority
Larry M. Foster, James City County
Paul Jacobs, Christian & Barton
Clayton Walton, Williams Mullen
Ray Jackson, WWAC
Tom Gray, VDH

Summary of the Meeting:

The minutes of the May 23rd meeting had previously been made available and there were no corrections.

Barbara Hulburt reviewed the “Guidelines for Discussion” that had been provided to the TAC at the first meeting. She spoke specifically about the need to listen effectively and to acknowledge that everyone listens through the filter of his or her own experience. There was also discussion of the need to be transparent and to make the abstract concrete in the group’s communications.

The facilitator then reviewed the concepts of collaborative negotiation. She described traditional distributive negotiation as zero sum or win-lose. It is based on claiming value and is position-based. In comparison, integrative negotiation is win-win and interest based. Its focus is on creating additional value and maximizing everyone’s outcome. She noted that many times interests may be different but they are not necessarily mutually

exclusive. The goal of the TAC is to create additional value in these discussions by focusing on meeting as many of the parties' interests as possible.

David Paylor then reviewed the TAC's mission. He stated that SB 1221 set out two tasks. The first is to create a planning process (not a plan) for local government and regional entities by identifying criteria and guidelines to assist them in their planning efforts. The second task is to come up with a preliminary water resources plan. This state plan will include, but not be limited to, a compilation of existing plans. DEQ is taking the lead on this plan. Both tasks will eventually be tied together to reach the goal of comprehensive water resources management. Paylor further indicated that he expects the TAC's work will continue after December in some form and that a comprehensive plan will be drawn after local and regional plans are formulated. In response to a question, Paylor noted that, in his view, the state's role in water resource management would be included in the planning process.

Robert Taylor of the Department of Health then made a presentation to the TAC on the "Role of the State Health Department in Water Supply Planning." A written version of the presentation along with the handouts provided will also be posted with these minutes. The TAC then had an opportunity to ask questions of Taylor. Notes on the questions and answers are part of the flip chart notes that will also be posted with these minutes.

Terry Wagner of DEQ made three presentations on the topics of "Water Withdrawal Reporting," the "Ground Water Management Act" and "Drought Assessment." The power point presentation that accompanied these presentations will be posted with these minutes. The notes of questions and answers that followed the presentations are part of the flip chart notes that are also posted with these minutes.

After a break for lunch, Joe Hassell of DEQ spoke to the TAC on "Virginia's Water Protection Permit Program." The power point presentation on this report will be posted as will notes on the questions and answers that followed.

Each of the small groups then reported on their first meetings. It was agreed that the minutes of each small group would be distributed to the whole group.

Eldon James reported that Group 1 intends first to articulate guiding principles for local and regional planning, then to look at local planning issues; and finally to bring the articulated principles to bear on local and regional water policy planning considerations.

Art Petrini stated that Group 2 is creating an overview of existing plans by compiling tables of contents of existing plans and then fitting this into a basic water supply outline. This will provide a framework for discussing issues 9 through 14.

Bill Cox described Group 3's work on the question of regionalism. The Group had identified some of the interests served by regional planning, some barriers to regional planning, and a proposed definition of "region" for planning purposes. It was noted that regional planning is not necessarily the same as regional implementation. Group 3 will next discuss regional incentives and then move to the state's role as an advocate for local and regional plans.

A brief discussion then ensued on the question of how the small groups' work would fit in the overall plan. It was reiterated that the goal is to come up with considerations to be used in the local and regional planning process to assist local and regional planners in creating their own plan. The point was further made that water supply plans must fit within the framework of a state water resources plan.

The full TAC then adjourned to meet in small groups.